

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

CEDRIC BENNETT,)
)
PLAINTIFF,)
)
v.) CASE NO. 2:07cv325-MEF-TFM
)
MICHAEL PATRICK, et al.,)
)
DEFENDANTS.)

ORDER

This cause is before the Court on the Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. # 2) filed on April 13, 2007, by counsel for Plaintiff Cedric Bennett. The Court wishes the plaintiff to fully understand the limited nature of being allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* which only permits the plaintiff to commence this suit without prepayment of fees and court costs. The plaintiff should understand he may incur expenses as a result of the prosecution of this case. In the event of a trial, the plaintiff may compel the attendance of witnesses through subpoena only by tendering to each witness payment of a one-day witness fee of \$40, plus mileage. Also, court costs, which vary, but which can be very substantial, are normally assessed against the losing party. This means that a plaintiff who loses a case, even though proceeding *in forma pauperis*, may be charged with, and obligated to pay, all court costs.

Now, having advised the plaintiff of the possible expense of litigation, it is ORDERED that the Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. # 2) is GRANTED.

Done this the 19th day of April, 2007.

/s/ Mark E. Fuller
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE